

GENERAL, ADMINISTRATIVE, AND MISCELLANEOUS1-102. Grants and Cooperative Agreements for Water Infrastructure Projects or Other Water Resource Projects from Funds Appropriated for the State and Tribal Assistance Grant Account or the Environmental Programs and Management Account

1. **AUTHORITY.** To approve and administer grants and cooperative agreements for water infrastructure projects or other water resource projects from funds appropriated for the State and Tribal Assistance Grant Account or the Environmental Programs and Management Account or any successor accounts, including a project authorized by Section 510 of the Water Quality Act of 1987, P.L. 100-4, Environmental Protection Agency's FY 1991 Appropriations Act (P.L. 101-507), and any subsequent public law; and to perform other activities necessary for the effective administration of those grants and cooperative agreements.
2. **TO WHOM DELEGATED.** Director, Water Division.
3. **LIMITATIONS.**
 - a. Except as provided in c. below, this delegation applies only to those grants and cooperative agreements for which authority is provided exclusively in a statute other than the Clean Water Act or the Safe Drinking Water Act (e.g., a statute making appropriations to the State and Tribal Assistance Grant Account or the Environmental Programs and Management Account or any successor accounts).
 - b. Awards are subject to guidance issued by the Office of the Comptroller or by the Office of Water or its component offices.
 - c. This delegation also applies to grants and cooperative agreements for projects described in, and pursuant to the 1987 Water Quality Act Section 510, as amended by EPA's 1991 Appropriations Act (P.L. 101-507), as amended.
4. **REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.**
 - a. This authority may be redelegated to the branch chief level, or equivalent, and no further.
 - b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically redelegated.
5. **ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.**
 - a. 40 C.F.R. Chapter 1, Subchapter B, which provides EPA's regulations on Grants and Other Federal Assistance, including 40 C.F.R. Part 35, subpart K.
 - b. 2 C.F.R. Part 200, OMB Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards; and 2 C.F.R. Part 1500, EPA's adoption and supplementation of the OMB uniform award requirements.

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- c. Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act of 1977, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 U.S.C. §6301 et seq.
- d. EPA Order series 5700, which provides EPA policies regarding assistance agreements.
- e. Delegation 1-14-A, Assistance Agreements, which delegates to the officials in the Mission Support Division the authority to take all necessary actions to award, obligate and de-obligate funds for, and administer fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements, and to make any final determinations required by law or regulations, with eligible recipients.



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